

### Childers Votes to Impose Comprehensive Sanctions on Iran

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Washington, DC – Congressman Travis Childers (MS-01) helped pass legislation last night to impose comprehensive sanctions on Iran and send a message that the United States will not tolerate the Iranian regime's efforts to obtain weapons of mass destruction, and its failure to recognize universal human rights. The *Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability and Divestment Act* adds sanctions on non-petroleum products, foreign banks that do business with blacklisted Iranian institutions, and imposes more penalties on the regime.

"Iran has been dangerously pursuing nuclear weapons and committing various human rights abuses. These sanctions send a strong, clear message that their bullying will no longer be tolerated," said Childers. "Iran's suppression of free speech and attempts to secure nuclear weapons must be met with a united front from the international community. Holding the Iranian regime accountable is critical to maintaining stability in the region and preventing terrorism worldwide."

The *Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act* is by far the most comprehensive Iran sanctions legislation Congress has ever passed. The legislation:

- Adds sanctions on refined petroleum and broadens the categories of sanctionable activities beyond refined petroleum (for example, it plugs a critical gap in our sanctions regime by imposing sanctions on foreign entities that sell Iran technology, services, or know-how that help Iran develop its energy sector);
- Sanctions foreign banks that deal with the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corp or with other blacklisted Iranian institutions, including Iranian banks involved with WMD or terrorism by shutting them out of the US financial system; US banks would not be allowed to deal with them;
- Imposes penalties on Iran's worst human-rights abusers and sanctions foreign

entities that provide Iran with the means to stifle freedom of expression, with an exception to the export of software and services for personal communications and internet access.

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